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D. ASSOCIATED PRESS, BANGKOK, 1038 GMT, 18 FEB

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT REF B IS AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE TEXT OF WHAT CHARUNPHAN SAID DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE. FBIS ADVISES US THAT THE LAST LINE OF PARA 2 OF REF C MIGHT BETTER BE TRANSLATED "....SWITCH FROM PROVIDING MILITARY AID TO PLACING MORE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC AID." ASSOCIATED PRESS TELLS US THAT ITS ITEM IS BASED ON THE PRESS CONFERENCE ITSELF, NOT A PRIVATE QUESTION AND ANSWER BETWEEN CHARUNPHAN AND ITS CORRESPONDENT AFTER THE CONFERENCE ADJOURNED.

2. COMMENT: WE INFER THAT BOTH AP AND BANGKOK DOMESTIC SERVICE BASED THEIR REMARKS ON THE EXCHANGE WHEREIN A REPORTER ASKED CHARUNPHAN WHAT SUBJECTS HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS WITH RUSH "IN ADDITION TO CHANGING MILITARY AID FOR ECONOMIC AID?" CHARUNPHAN'S ANSWER NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED THE REPORTER'S SUPPOSITION THAT THE MIX OF

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U.S. AID WOULD BE A SUBJECT.

3. BEYOND THIS, A KEY MFA OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT BOTH NEWS ACCOUNTS MISREPRESENTED WHAT CHARUNPHAN SAID. CHARUNPHAN WISHED TO STRESS GREATER ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INCREASED TRADE RATHER THAN AID.

4. THE RTG KNOWS PERFECTLY WELL THE DOWNWARD TREND OF U.S. FOREIGN AID, AND REALIZES THAT IF IT WERE TO ASK FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IT WOULD HAVE TO EMIT A CLEARER AND LOUDER SIGNAL THAN CHARUNPHAN'S OFFHAND AND VAGUE REMARKS.
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